

Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 5:31 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Representing:

Susan Thornton, Vice Chair Mayor
Elizabeth Bottka-Smith Ward 2
Cindy Schiesel, Chair Ward 4
Joaquin Murrieta Ward 5

Absent Members:

Jennifer Lopez Ward 3 Michael Elsner Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Geoffrey Boyce Karen Brandel Kathleen May Stephen Nekolek

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department Bob Barton, Police Auditor

Others Present:

Gioia Sanderson, City Attorney's Office Captain David Neri, Tucson Police Department Mark Nisbet, Tucson Police Department Roger Nusbaum, Tucson Police Department Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department Paul Lovelis, Guest Stacy Semas, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office Maria Zepeda, City Clerk's Office

2. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

3. Presentation of LAR and Discussion of Concerns Related to the Lack of Minutes/Notes Provided by the City Clerk's Office

Motion made by Elizabeth Bottka-Smith, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, to write a letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the lack of notes.

4. Introduction of New Advisory Members

The Chair introduced new Non-Voting Advisory members; Geoffrey Boyce, Karen Brandel, Kathleen May, and Stephen Nekolek.

5. General Report from Midtown Division and Discussion of Problems Related to Neighborhood Associations in the Area.

Captain David Neri, Tucson Police Department, stated the Midtown Division currently had 44 registered active neighborhood associations. The Division held Quarterly Division Advisory Council Meetings. At the meetings, the Division provided a large overview of trends in crime and long term problems in the Midtown Area. The Community Launch Task Force took place every 30 days. The Task Force helped the Midtown Division and the community come together to express concerns about the needs of neighborhoods and businesses. Collectively, the Task Force prioritized those needs and jointly managed how to address the issues and then jointly executed the solution. Captain Neri stated one of the big focuses was to take care of the root of the problem so the Division would not be responding to the same call, in the same neighborhood week after week.

6. Presentation by TPD of Information about Graffiti and Tagging

Sergeant Mark Nisbet, Tucson Police Department, gave a presentation on existential, tagging, political and gang graffiti. The gangs in Tucson have been around since the 1950's and so has the graffiti. He presented examples of gang related graffiti that would be seen in Tucson.

7. Office of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month

Bob Barton, Police Auditor, announced the Office of the Independent Police Auditor held presentations at the Sergeants Training Academy, the Post Basic Academy and the West Side Collation Weed And Seed Law Enforcement Meeting.

B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Bob Barton, Police Auditor, stated they received five calls requesting clarification on procedures and received only three complaints that led to the review process.

8. Tucson Police Department

A. TPD Updates: Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department, handed out and briefly explained the CPARB Quarterly Report 2007-3.

B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month

No report given.

9. Random Review of TPD Investigations

1. Case #07-0282

Motion by Elizabeth Bottka-Smith, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, to find Case #07-0282 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case #07-0390

Motion by Susan Thornton, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, to find Case #07- 0390 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

10. Recess

Motion made by Cindy Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, to forego recess.

11. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for September 2007.

There were no concerns or comments regarding the report for September 2007.

12. Pursuant to Section 10A-92 of the City of Tucson Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Rules and Regulations, an Annual Report Must be Submitted to The Mayor and Council at the End of the Year. Suggestions for Inclusion of Items Will Be Solicited

The Board recommended adding addition of a 2nd Call to the Audience, 17 applicants for the non-voting advisory member position have been received and the duration of time the Ward One position remained vacant into the Annual Report.

13. Pursuant to Section 10A-94, Discussion of October 27, 2007, Training Day and Schedule

Lieutenant Reza, Tucson Police Department, reviewed the schedule for the Training Day scheduled on October 27, 2007.

14. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers

15. Future Agenda Items

- Case 07-0244 to be brought before the Board
- TPD to give a presentation on the MATRIX
- TPD to give a brief presentation on bicycle safety
- Susan Thornton to discuss the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference

16. Adjournment: 6:44 p.m.